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DEDICATION OF MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Governor Mead Turns Over Keys to Trustees at Impressive Ceremony. Doctor Brown of Yale Divinity School Preaches Sermon.

Sunday, June 18th, 1916, at 4 p. m., the new chapel was dedicated, marking the completion of two years' work and its entrance into the history of Middlebury as a meeting place for religious worship by faculty and students.

The dedication ceremonies were simple but impressive. The presentation of the keys was made by the donor, Hon. John Abner Mead, LL. D., '64 and the acceptance in behalf of the President and Fellows by Ex-President Ezra Brainerd, LL. D., Sc. D., '64. Prayer was offered by Rt. Rev. Arthur A. C. Hall, S. F. D., Bishop of Vermont. Rev. Charles Reynolds Brown, D. D., Dean of the Divinity School, Yale University, delivered the dedication sermon on "The True Measure of Life."

DOCTOR BROWN'S SEMON.

The text was taken from the Book of Genesis, 48th chapter, 8th verse: "And Pharoah said to Jacob, 'How old art thou?'" Dr. Brown said in part:

"Let me ask this afternooh, how old are you, not how long ago you were born but how much have you lived, how deeply have you lived and learned? Just how much lies back of the years of your life, be they many or few?

"Life has various dimensions, it can be measured by length, but it must have height, breadth, and depth as well. Length of man's life is not important except as it gives him a definite time in which to accomplish his life work, and a man may accomplish his important work in comparatively few years; nor is age a detriment, for Gladstone was over sixty and William Cullen Bryant over seventy when they did their best work, while Lyman Ahbott was doing active work at eighty. But long life alone is not always interesting or useful. Jesus Christ lived only thirty-three years and thirty of these were devoted to preparation, but how much he crowded into those three years of administration in the needs of humanity. Mere length of life is unimportant unless it contains breadth? how wide is a man's life, how far afield do his sympathies go? How many interests and how many points of contact has he had with his nation and with mankind. The extreme specialist is essentially a narrow man. For the self-made, self-satisfied man, life consists of the things he can buy. Christ, on the other hand was a broad man, he was able to meet and talk with all classes, to understand their point of view and sympathize with their weaknesses. So in modern times, the employer must understand the socialist point of view and be able to put himself in his workmen's place.

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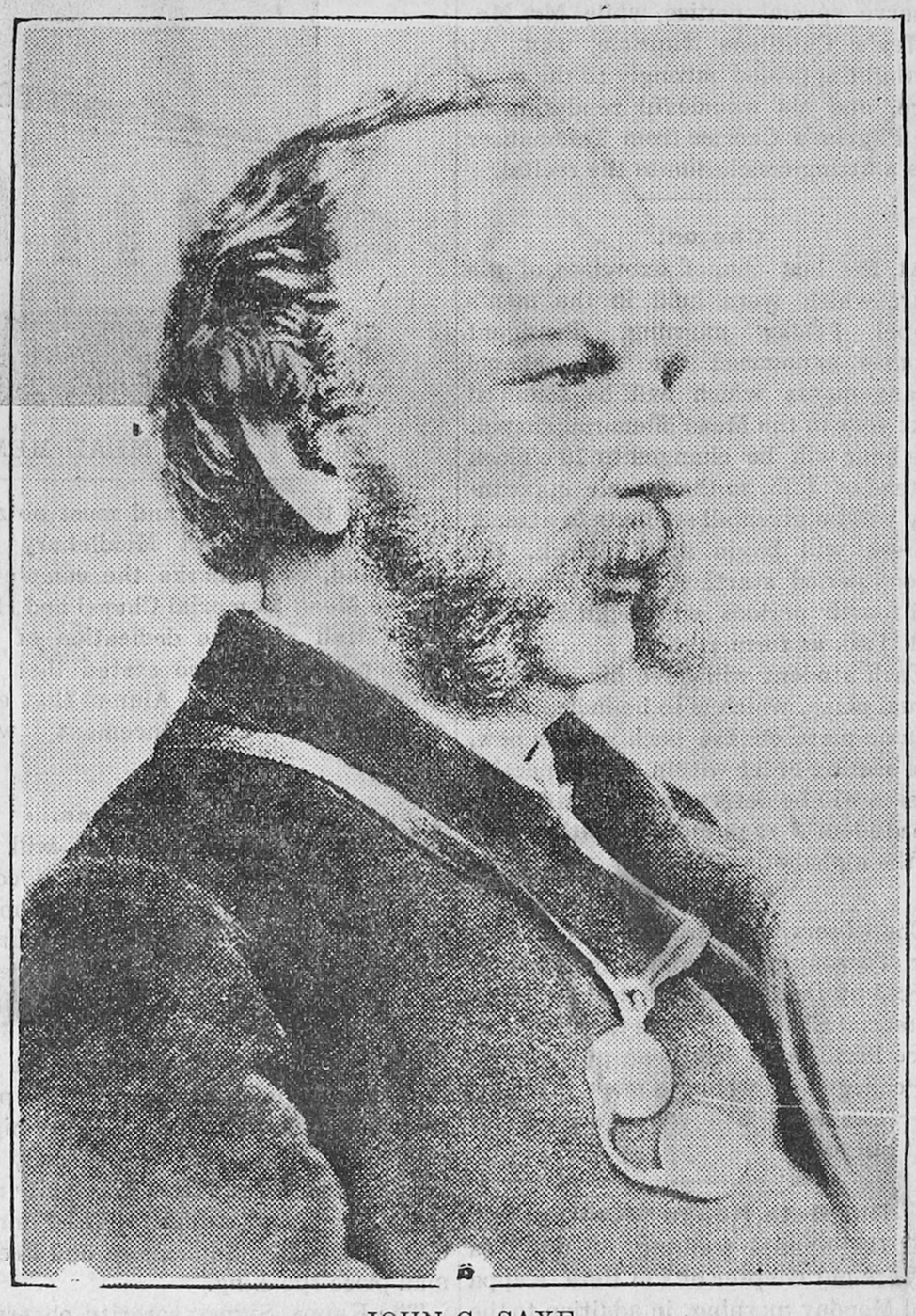
CELEBRATION OF SAXE CENTENNIAL

John G. Saxe, Grandson of Poet, Addresses the College at Big Commencement Dinner.



JOHN G. SAXE

Courtesy of The Boston Herald.

At the annual Commencement Dinner, given in the McCullough Gymnasium, June 21, Hon. John G. Saxe addressed the students and alumni of the college in commemoration of the one-hundreth anniversary of the birth of John G. Saxe, the famous Vermont poet and author, who was a graduate of the college in 1849. Mr. Saxe said:

Mr. President, Members of the Faculty, Undergraduates and Fellow Alumni of Middlebury, ladies and gentlemen:

I rise with a great deal of pride, a heart full of thanks and a mind treasuring fond traditions of Vermont and Middlebury College. I rise to represent the Saxe who is not here, to reply, for all the Saxes, to the toast which you have offered to our ancestors, and to represent, incidentally the Saxe who is here. In his "Post-prandial Verses" my grandfather referred prophetically to today, and to the honor you are now conferring on me in annexing an "L. L. D." to my name.

"Many thanks to old Cadmus, who made us
his debtors,
By inventing, one day, those *capital* letters,
Which, still, from the heart, we will know
how to speak
When we've fairly forgotten the rest of our
Greek."

It is thus, from the heart, that I thank you for the honor you have done me. I, myself, have done nothing to make me worthy of it. Coming as it does, on the anniversary of my grandfather's birth, I take it ex-officio. But I take it mounted on the pedestal of my grandfather's devotion to his native State and to his Alma Mater, and crowned with the tributes you are paying to his memory after all these years. In the same connection, your distinguished President has instructed, directed and commissioned me to write my Thesis specially on the life and works of this same Middlebury graduate, John Godfrey Saxe. I will do what I can to tell you about him.

Saxe was born on June 2nd, 1816. He died on March 31st, 1887. He was a lawyer, an editor, a lecturer and a poet, state's attorney of Chittenden County, attorney general and twice a candidate for Governor of his native State Mid-

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BACCALAUREATE SERVICES OBSERVED

Doctor Thomas Delivers the Farewell Address to the Class of 1916. Theme, "Real Preparedness". Large Crowd Fills the Old Congregational Church.

In the Baccalaureate sermon delivered by President Thomas to the graduating class at the Congregational church on Sunday, June 18, the general subject of his discourse dealt with the true preparedness which the college graduates of today must fit themselves for. Doctor Thomas said in part:

"And it shall be, if thou shalt forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish; because ye would not hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God." Deut. VIII, 19, 20.

The God of justice knows no favorites, among individuals or among nations. No people was ever chosen for His partisan care, to be preserved when they deserved to perish, to be shielded from the inevitable penalties of weakness and folly. Nations rise and nations fall, not according to race, or geographical location, or type of government, or religious creed and practice, but according as they meet or fail to meet the conditions of national power and perpetuity. There have been world empires of Semetic peoples and of Aryan stock; mighty kingdoms in fertile river valleys, on narrow peninsulas, and on islands of the sea; monarchies, democracies, republics; heathen, Mohammedan, Christian; barbarian Assyria, cultured Greece, Christian Rome; and one and all they have risen to might by virtue of the strength by which they maintained their right and one and all they have fallen in ruin when weakness of heart and hand sapped the virility of their spirit.

"As the nations which the Lord maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish", might be written, at least in warning, over the pediment of every national capitol of the world. So far it has come true, when pride and confidence, luxury and vice, have had time to do their work. And so far they have always entered, and always born their fruitage. History has not an instance of a dominating nation which has held its dominion for more than a few centuries. One and all they have forsaken the law, and speedily their power has forsaken them. Natural resources of great wealth have not saved them, nor the accumulated treasures of culture and education, nor perfection of military system, nor just and acknowledged claims to territory and suzerainty. All these have availed not the slightest when a people of stronger blood and of some larger contribution to the manhood of the world have challenged their place and power. The broad earth goes to

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EDITORIAL.

The one hundred and sixteenth Commencement Anniversary of Middlebury College will go down in her annals as a truly historic event. It needs not these editorial columns to draw attention to or in any way magnify its importance. A bare review of the most important events of this gala week would be a hopeless task. We are forced to admit our helplessness in adequately treating of the numerous happenings, for it is absolutely impossible with our limited space to be perfectly fair to all. Therefore, we earnestly hope that all will make due allowances for whatever we may neglect, and rather rejoice with us in the ever increasing prosperity of our Alma Mater and its widening influence throughout the country.

In commenting upon this auspicious occasion, one must not forget the progress that Middlebury has achieved during the past year. With a few disagreeable exceptions we have made a consistent and permanent advance in athletics, especially in track. In baseball we have played larger colleges than ever before, and forced our attention on the outside world in which we were not formerly known. Our student body has increased to a very considerable degree, and shows promise of a still greater boom with the opening of our new building, of which not only are we ourselves and the alumni proud, but also the whole State of Vermont. Our institutions are striving for higher and nobler ideals, and we are beginning to lay aside those aspects of our college life which were especially undesirable. Under the inspiration and untiring efforts of over revered President, Middlebury College is rising to a fuller realization of a noble destiny and truer service to her country. This is eminently a time in which every loyal son of Middlebury feels a deep pride in claiming her as his Alma Mater.

Organ Recital.

One of the most pleasing events in connection with the 116th Commencement exercises of Middlebury College, was the Organ Recital by Mr. Ernest L. Mehaffey, assisted by Miss Fannie Lott, soprano, in the new Mead Memorial chapel, Saturday evening, June 17. The interior of the new chapel, which appears at its best in the soft glow of the electric lights, was crowded with an appreciative audience of students, alumni and friends of Middlebury. An excellent program was rendered.

Among the selections of Miss Lott, the Prayer from Tosca and Jerusalem deserve special notice, while Mr. Mehaffey's Cantilene Nuptiale, and At Twilight appealed strongly to the audience, and his wonderful rendering of the Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser was a fitting conclusion to the recital,

Chapel.

At the last chapel exercises of the year, which were held in the men's chapel Friday morning, President Thomas announced the new chapel arrangements which will be followed next year in the Mead Memorial chapel. The hour will be changed to 10 o'clock instead of 8:15, so that ample opportunity will be given all students to attend. Classes will begin at 8 o'clock, the second period starting at 9. The third and fourth periods will begin at 10:30 and 11:30, as formerly.

Each student will have his own individual place, which is to be indicated by a name-plate on the back of the pew. The seating order within the respective classes will be determined hereafter by the student's rank in class, rather than by the alphabetical list.

Chapel services were conducted Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:45 by Dr. Thomas in the new Mead Memorial Chapel. This is the first time since 1883 that it has been possible for the college as a whole to meet in chapel exercises in a hall which served for that purpose.

Phi Beta Kappa Meeting.

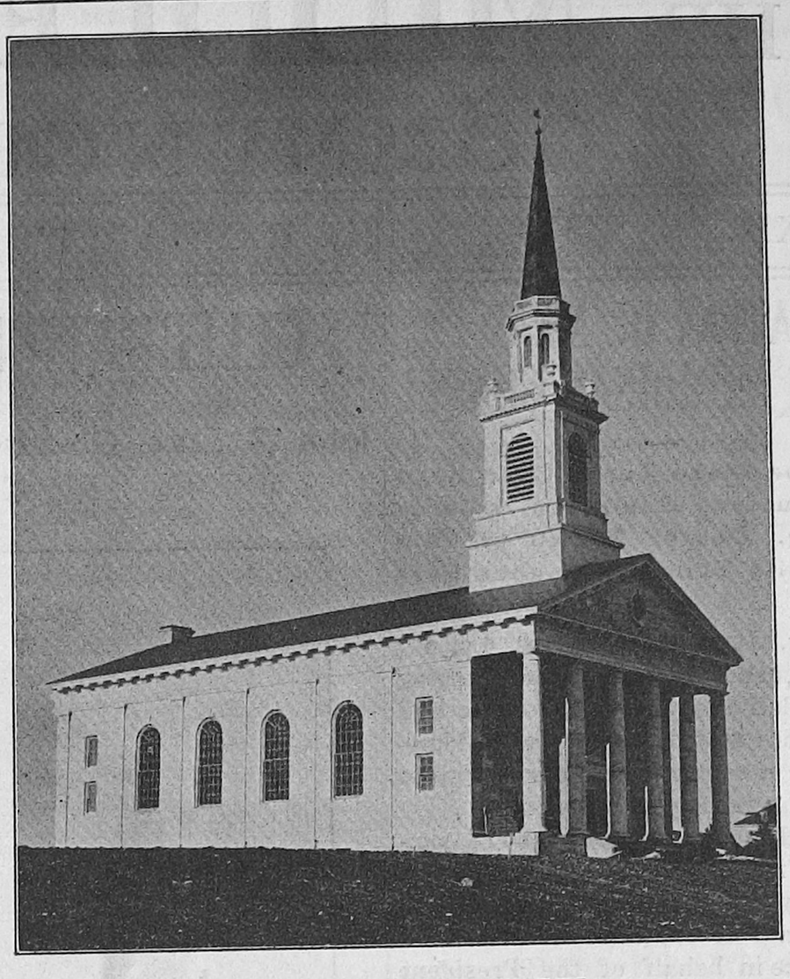
At the annual meeting of the Beta of Vermont chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held Monday morning, in addition to the candidates initiated at the mid-winter meeting the following members were elected and initiated: Olive A. Hall, '16, Alban J. Parker, '16 and Wenona L. Shattuck, '16. Prof. G. W. Cunningham was also elected, but because of his absence at this time, the initiation was deferred until the mid-winter meeting next year.

The announcement was made that, beginning next year, only one-fifth of the graduating class will be eligible to membership and also that a grade of 87½ will be the minimum in the future. This raising of standard and limitation in numbers is in line with the policy of the organization.

From this time forward, the Middlebury chapter is under a new constitution which somewhat changes the time for meetings and the manner of election of members.

Prof. M R. Sanford was appointed as the delegate to the Triennial Council of the United Chapters, to be held this coming fall in New York City.

Prof. Luther I. Bonney delivered the address to the graduating class of Wilmington High School at Wilmington, Vt.



MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

This is the greatest and most notable Commencement that Middlebury has ever had, as it marks the completion of the Mead Memorial Chapel and Hepburn Hall and the dedication of the former. It was also stated that the greatest number of Alumni that ever attended a Commencement were present.

Fraternity Reunions.

The 116th Commencement will be memorable for many years to come merely on account of the large number of alumni who returned to celebrate the many varied festivities of the week. Many of the fraternities and sororities returned larger delegations than ever before, and the week was made the occasion for an unusual outlay on the part of the various chapters. Monday night seems to have been the generally accepted time for all the fraternity and sorority reunions, which followed immediately after the Sophomore and Freshman prize speaking.

The Kappa Sigma sorority observed its reunion with about forty present. Several selections were rendered by the orchestra, and a delightful rendering of "The Sweetest Union" was given by Miss Elsie Foote, with a piano accompaniment.

The annual reunion of the Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi was held with about 65 alumnae present. The house was prettily decorated, and an informal program was followed by light refreshments.

The Pi Beta Phi's held their reunion until late in the evening. The rooms were decorated with flowers, and an informal program was followed by refreshments.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity held its annual reunion with about sixteen alumni present.

The Chi Psi fraternity celebrated its reunion with an unusually large number of alumni back. A rousing good time was enjoyed by all. About forty returned to their Alma Mater.

The Kappa Delta Rho's were not far behind, with also about forty present. A fine program was enjoyed by all.

The Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity celebrated its reunion with about eight alumni present. All enjoyed a royal good time.

The sixtieth annual reunion of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity was held Monday evening, June 19th, at the Delta Upsilon House. The following alumni were present: Walter I. Brown, '76, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. Edward H. Baxter, '76, of Hyde Park, Mass.; Thomas E. Boyce, '76, of Middlebury; Dr. James M. Gifford, '77, New York City; Dr. James L. Barton, '81, Boston, Mass.; Hon. Frank C. Partridge, ex-'81, Proctor; Rev. Martin E. Cady, '69, Riverside, Ill.; Dr. Edwin B. Clift, '90, Fair Haven; Thomas H. Noonan, '91, Buffalo, N. Y.; Edgar R. Brown, '93, New York City; James B, Donoway, '93, Middlebury; Frank W. Cady, '99, Middlebury; Eben J. Fullam, '95, Springfield; George W. Stone, '99, Vergennes; John E. Stetson, '00, Springfield; Prof. Henry C. Long, '01, New Haven, Conn.; Learned R. Noble, '03, West Rutland; Bert L. Safford, '01, Rutland; Prof. A. D. Wetherell, '05, Middlebury; Roy M. Pickard, '05, Keene, N. H.; Prof. P. C. Voter, Bowdoin, '09, Middlebury; Walter H. Cleary, '11, Newport; Russell P. Dale, '11, Springfield, Mass.; J. Jordan Peach, '11, Buffalo, N. Y.; Wayne C. Bosworth, '11, New York City; Rollo A. Kilburn, '11, Pleasantville, N. Y.; Frank C. Ryder, '11, New York City; Charles S. Smiddy, '13, New London, Conn.; Ralph W. Hedges, '12, Bristol; Russell E. Smith, ex-'14, Vergennes; Oscar Voute, ex-'15, Montclair, N. J.; Robert Loder, '15, East Orange, N. J.; Wayne M. Haller, '15, Mercersbury, Penn.; M. F. Shea, New London, Conn.; H. H. Stone, ex-'18, Middlebury, and R. D. Esten, ex-'17, Webster, Mass.; John A Viele, '09, Springfield, Mass.

At a meeting held Wednesday evening, June 14, in the old chapel, a Y. M. C. A. was organized with the following officers: President, H. M. Davis, '17; vice-president, Cecil Plumb, '19; secretary, H. H. Chapman, '18; treasurer, W. B. Fullington, '18.

Prof. P. N. Swett was in Boston as the representative of Middlebury College at the opening of the new buildings of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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those who are strongest to win and hold it and the great God of justice never interposes to deny to the strong the spoils of victory according to the laws of war. Life is a strugle for existence, and every beast of the field, must fight to live. The weapons of the warfare are not always carnal, but they are weapons nevertheless. We live in a world of conflict, and only on him that overcometh is the crown of life bestowed.

There has been a rude awakening these terrific days from a beautiful but idle, dream. We had supposed that the last great war had been fought, that armies and navies were anachronistic survivals of the dead past, an era never to return and that the prophecy was about to be fulfilled of the beating of swords into plough-shares and spears into pruning-hooks. We had been dipping into the future and seen the "vision of the world," in its fair, peaceful beauty.

Then came August, 1914. It was as though in a night the hordes of Attilla and the Saracens, the legions of Cæsar and Hannibal, the helmets of the armies of Navarre and the terrible infantry of the great Corsican, the resistless armies of Bismarck and von Moltke, had sprung together to life and with instruments of terror surpassing the dreams of Nero had grappled to the death. Drake's drum sounded in the channel and the navies of Europe cleared decks for action. From the steppes of Russia to the valleys of Flanders, from the bleak marshes of the North Sea to the Orange groves of Sicily, the armies seethed and surged, and the world has seen two years of such devastation and ruin as have never been before.

The film has been torn from our eyes and many of us are seeing for the first time the conditions under which we live. Ancient land-marks are of no account. A clear legal title is no guarantee of safety. Treaties are mere "scraps of paper," when those with whom we make them regard them as such. The right is no protection against the strong, when the strong believe that their strength gives them right.

If our eyes are really open we shall be stirred to something far more serious, far more radical than a burst of naval and military enthusiasm. There is a superficiality in the present preparedness movement that is, I fear, all too characteristically American. If we are threatened by one or more of the empires of the world. We shall not meet the situation by the military training of a few thousands more and the building of a few dreadnoughts.

It is a time for deep searching of heart as to the national character, on which alone eventually the national preservation must depend. We can no longer plunder our way to prosperity: we must earn and deserve it. The drift of the future years will not be toward the wealth of the boundless prairies and the treasures of the golden hills, but if we drift, it will be down through steady periods of national weakness and decadence. We must hereafter purpose where we will go. We must henceforth build the men we would have defend and protect us. We must produce by intention and resolve the character we need to hold our own against the nations of the world in the new day when the earth shall be crowded and the God of justice can not allow a nation to hold territory it does not deserve.

The ease of our conquests hitherto, the readiness with which we have advanced in wealth and power, has bred in us a certain haste and hurry.

American manhood is pioneer manhood and its distinguishing characteristics are those of the frontiersman. Alert, enterprising, progressive, finding a way through or about all obstacles it has excited the admiration of the world for its skill in meeting new situations and its courage in the face of mighty tasks.

But the same forces which have wrought these virtues have tended to induce superficiality and impatience. We are not as thorough as the peoples across the sea, either east or west. We do not go to the bottom of things, in our research or in our thinking. We gather a few facts, guess at more, and jump at a conclusion. We are always ready to speculate and we enjoy the hazard of uncertainty. All of this may be virtue in a pioneer, but it is weakness for the long, steady pull. We must rid ourselves of it.

Iu education especially our lack of thoroughness has been manifest. We smatter over to many things and become masters in to few. We learn a little of a great many subjects and are men of thorough accomplishment all too rarely. Something that will do suffices us and we fail to press to the utmost truth and the last discoverable fact.

If we take the call to preparedness with any seriousness, we must bring about greater thor ughness in the entire educational process. Fewer subjects may be pursued, but those which are undertaken should be carried much farther on. More time must be given to the work, especially in the earlier years of school life. No other country in the world knows anything of the three months' vacation that is the luxury of the American college student. No other nation allows in its educational institutions so many athletic and social diversions, pursued with such enthusiasm, and at such expense in time and money. We shall not meet men who devote ten and twelve hours a day to study and research, through ten months in the year, until they are twenty-five years of age, while we give half or two thirds the time, with the further discount of multitudinous enterprises which are taken even more seriously. We shall not meet them in the field of science, we shall not meet them in the field of business, we shall not meet them on the field of war, and meet them successfully under such a handicap.

The tragedy of unworthy manhood has been pitiable enough in the past. It has been the ruin of the man and the shame and the sorrow of those near him. But the failure of manhood in the future will be a thousand times more tragic, if the signs of the times are right and there is coming some day of awful testing for the nation, for failure then will be not individual and personal, but the loss of the nation's glory and the testimony to the world that American men could succeed as plunderers of a continent, but face to face with the real task of manhood, the maintenance of permanent prosperity and strength, were forced to yield to those stronger than they. No man entereth into the house of the strong man and spoileth his goods except he first bind the strong man. The problem for American youth is to make themselves strong that they cannot be bound.

MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS:—This thoughtful moment of your lives comes at a time when men everywhere are pondering most seriously on questions of the gravest possible concern. Great issues are contending, and questions of vast moment are coming to decision. You can scarcely fail to be stirred to earnest thought on matters far beyond your own personal success in life. I am glad that this is so. What you may do for yourself is of small moment compared with what you do with yourself. To attain an honorable position in the world is only the beginning of a successful life. To make your work contribute to the upbuilding of the nation in strength and honor is the only worthy ambition. If I mistake not, there are severer trials and harder tasks before American manhood than ever before. The glamor of our pioneering days is over. The more difficult, and perhaps more prosaic, enterprises of an established nation now confront us, We expect you to be equal to them, in courage, in persistence, in skill, as those who have gone before you were equal to the tasks that confronted them.

Today you enter a goodly fellowship, that of the alumni of Middlebury College. Most of them have had to fight their way from the start, with little help from others. See that you succeed not less honorably. Think carefully: strive patiently; work hard. The old world will fight you till you die, and you must learn to enjoy the struggle. Do not waste you strength in dreaming, or in following false leads. You should have caught from our proud little college the spirit and the habit of achievement. Do not lose it and do not be afraid to apply it to anything that is right. You can have what you will: you can be what you want to be. You will never fail in attainment until you fail first in faith. Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find. And may the good God open to you a place of hard battle and of glorious victory.

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lives of his fellow men, to understand their hopes and sorrows; yet there is so little chance to do so. A man's life broadens as he strives to enter genuinely and sympathetically into the lives and interests of others, "with malice towards none, and charity towards all," Lincoln bore the burdens of the entire north during the Civil war.

"Life to be complete must have depth. It must not be shallow and superficial. Depth depends upon a man's stability, it lies in a sense of agreement with the will of God. A man with depth of character has under all conditions and temptations the same genuine God fearing soul. His sentiments and purposes are deeply imbedded.

"Lastly the full life must have heighth. Life is not measured by present achievements alone, not by words or deeds said or done, but by what a man wants to do, what he wants to be; the upward, outward, Godward reach of a man makes him what he ought to be. His rod is measured by its capacities and intentions. A moral wreck is to be measured, not by what he has been, but by how much he is ready to rise, by what he hopes to become in the future. Let your aspirations reach out until you soul has reached it highest possible scope, and you will have life abundant, life, eternal, the full life."

In presenting the keys of the Chapel to the trustees of the college, Governor Mead said in part:

Doctor Brainerd, Classmates and Friends:

"It is with solemn and pathetic recollection that we turn again in one life's pilgrimage to this spot, fragrant with memories of two years ago, when we laid the foundation of this structure, and, like the devotee of the Orient, we have returned to this shrine of our hearts' desire to pledge again our allegiance to the God who gave us our being in a happy land, patriotic, yet ever tender of her own.

If we are permitted to reach the Promised Land, it will be by successive efforts as we would accomplish an earthly journey, one step following another till perseverance finally brings to our journey's end, and so two years ago we first visited this historic place, so sacred to us to-day, we now return with thanksgiving and praise to a kind Providence for this Holy Temple, pointing the way to the higher and the better life. These have passed only too rapidly, and I might say pleasantly, since the soil was first removed and the corner stone of this memorial chapel was placed on this, the highest portion of our campus which made sacred our academic home. It was then ordained that from this hallowed ground should arise this temple, and it was then presented to our President Thomas, for whom my respect and appreciation is ever increasing, to my beloved classmates and specially lifelong friend and classmate, Doctor Brainerd, for whom my love and admiration is growing stronger with every passing year, and to all others associated with our Alma Mater. On this occasion a common prayer was offered, that it should be a sacred duty which should devolve upon every person associated with our beloved college, to make this Temple an instrument of great good to those of this generation and to those of the distant future.

It was "the casting of the bread upon the waters" which should return to bless the many thousands who will succeed us, and through their influence and teaching should remain a blessing to others, even in distant lands, who could never know when or where the sacred seed was planted.

As has been said, two years have been given to the planning and building of this chapel, the growth has been slow, but it has been the earnest desire of your committee to make the same complete in every detail, and specially worthy of the great and holy purpose which it should serve, specially with the students of this college and all others associated with our Alma Mater.

A generation is but an incident in the great march of events and yet all-powerful for good or evil in individual lives or national welfare, and as the sunset hour approaches and we shall soon wend our way down to the Valley, let us cast one more lingering glance back toward this Memorial Chapel, enshrined high upon its throne, as the "Day God departs amid garments of royalty and beautiful jewels of horizon splendor."

"Let us seal our hearts anew with the inspiration that surrounds this Temple" centered as it is among the Green

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CLASS DAY.

The Class Day exercises for the class of 1916 were held on the campus Monday morning, June 19, at 10:30. Previous to the exercises the College Band rendered an excellent program and at an early hour guests and alumni gathered about the campus to greet old friends and classmates. Prominent among the class reunions was that of the class of 1911, whose members were attired in blue and white coats bearing their class numerals. Members of the student body wore blue and white ribbons and pins with their class numerals.

At 10:30 the members of the Senior Class formed at the library and then marched to the Old Chapel where the planting of the ivy took place. From the Old Chapel, the class marched to the platform on the campus, where an address of welcome was made by President Ferguson for the class. The Seniors were led by Junior Class Marshall Fred Paul Lang.

The Senior committee on Class Day exercises were: Charles H. Wright, chairman, Roberta Arnold, Helen M. Bosworth, Philip H. Condit, Luke E. Bicknell. At the close of the exercises the award of prizes for the year was made by President John M. Thomas.

The class day exercises were opened by an address of the President of the Senior class. Mr. Ferguson extended a hearty welcome to all alumni and friends of the college on behalf of the members of the class of 1916. He remarked that during the four years that 1916 had been here the college had grown remarkably in all departments. First attention was called to the new Hepburn Dormitory and the Mead Memorial Chapel. Student activities had also increased to a remarkable degree. Three years ago the Union was established. To-day we have two permanent athletic coaches. At the last Union meeting of the present year a Senior Council was organized consisting of seven men with jurisdiction over hazing and such matters as the faculty has no means of regulating. In the new dormitory, the Social Hall for the men should be of great benefit and have much influence in bringing the men together. In closing Mr. Ferguson spoke optimistically of the future and place that 1916 would take in carrying on the ideals of Middlebury.

Class Poem

By Miss Myers.

More than a century past, near the willow-clad banks of the Otter
Here in the heart of the mountains, our forefathers founded a college,
Men of iron were they with hearts filled with truth and religion,
Men who possessed faith in God and hope for Vermont and her future.

Soon for classrooms and worship they builded a stately stone structure
Covered with ivy and old, it stands in its honor before us,
Still of use and of worth, most beloved of all of the buildings
Which the generous Time has added to beautify proudly our Campus.

"Here will we meet," said they, "and worship in concord together,
"Here will our hearts beat as one, when stirred by a love for our college."
And here on the walls did they hang the pictures of men of great honor
Men whose deeds brought renown to Midd, their revered Alma Mater.

Always the college grew and the number increased ever yearly
Till at last it befel that no more could the old room contain them;
No more could the pictured alumni that hang in dignity yonder,
Look on all members at once of the college their labors had aided.

Years sped on, and with each one, more came the need to be pleaded;
Need which all people must feel when they lack a fit place for their worship;
Buildings fair we had for class and for homes and amusement,
No place was there to meet together for prayer and for guidance.

Into the heart of one whom we honor and rev'rence was planted
A thought—to give to his college the thing he knew they most needed.
He gave with hand filled with bounty, gave of his gold and his blessing,
Thus was the cornerstone laid and thus was started the chapel,

High o'er the valley it stands o'ershadowing all of the campus
Far to the east it sees the wooded heights of green mountains,
Looking northwest toward Champlain and the peaks of the great Adirondacks,
Rightly this message it bears us, "the strength of the hills is His also."

Built on foundations of rock, to stand while the name of the college
Echoes from coast to coast as a fountain of truth and of wisdom,
Stand while her sons win renown for their ardor in unselfish service;
Never its mission completed and never its blessings forgotten.

To us of the class nineteen sixteen the chapel stands as a symbol.
Summer and winter we've watched it, stone upon stone slowly growing,
Till completed it stands there above us in all its pride and its beauty
Ready to do its work and to serve generations of students.

Proud will we be and glad that the year of the chapel's "Commencement"
Bringing new life to old Midd and beginning a long life of blessing,
Marks for our class as well, the year of our graduation,
Year when dreams turned into deeds and our hopes into eager endeavor.

And when with the troubles of life and the worries and petty vexations,
Longing for rest and content and the courage of new inspiration,
Hither our feet lead us back to the halls of our Middlebury
Still will the chapel stand with its upward beckoning finger.

Then as we pause at its portals and read the message it bears us
Quiet we enter and hushed we list to the peal of the organ;
Climb perchance to the tower and gaze over hill and o'er woodland,
Into our hearts will steal renewed the zeal for achievement.

Thus will we claim it our own, for the fact that its dedication
Falls upon this our Commencement, upon this our year nineteen sixteen.
Far away though we be it will ever beckon us hither
So as we bid Midd farewell it is only an Auf Wiedersehen.

COMMENCEMENT.

The 116th annual commencement of Middlebury college was held this morning. The procession of students, Alumni and faculty was formed on the campus and marched to the Congregational church where the commencement exercises were held. Forty-five Bachelor of Art degrees were conferred and nineteen Bachelor of Science. Prof. W. E. Davidson and Carroll Dodge, '15, received the degree of Master of Arts.

Trustees of Middlebury College :

As we, the class of 1916, cross the threshold that separates the undergraduate from the alumnus we pause a moment to consider what have been the forces and what the result of our four years spent in Middlebury.

To you, as the guiding power behind this institution, we owe much. During these four years the story of the college can best be told by the one word—progress. The progress in increased facilities for college work has been marvelously rapid, and progress has been made as truly in the things significant of fuller, richer ideals. During these years no less than four of the Fellows of Middlebury College have passed on. They were loyal friends and staunch supporters of Middlebury, men whom Middlebury could ill afford to lose, and yet, we find now in their places men as loyal and staunch as they, men fired by the zeal of their devoted service. The memory of these departed Fellows needs no tribute from us, the only fitting tribute we can pay is a loyal support of the Middlebury that they loved.

The dear old College! may we ever give to her and to you our whole hearted support.

President Thomas :

It is for us a moment of serious portent when we leave this institution, to go out into fields we have never before entered. Here we have relied upon your guidance, from now we shall have no such leader in whom to put our trust.

We have ever been impressed by your whole hearted purpose and your self-sacrificiing labors for the welfare of our college. May it be granted to us to catch your spirit of loyalty, that whenever we hear the college call we may respond as devotedly as you have done in these days of your inspiring leadership.

We are proud to be graduated from Middlebury College and much of our pride and affection is due to the ever-increasing success of your labors in our behalf.

As I bid you farewell in the name of the class of 1916, I would voice the hope that you may long be spared in full strength and vigor for the work you have so briallintly begun.

Members of the Faculty :

With the possible exception of our closest friends we have been most constantly associated with you. You are the men whom we have met in our daily routine of studay; you have assigned us work, and have generally undertaken to see that we did it. More than that, you have patiently put up with our shortcomings and failures and have ever been ready to meet us more than half way whenever we have needed explanations and help.

Personally I feel that the influence of the thoughts and ideals of my professors have been one of the strongest forces here. One can quickly, though perhaps unconsciously, sense the kindly feeling, the sympathetic attitude of an instructor in so common a thing as the explananation of a difficult point; and that sympathetic attitude has certainly been yours.

The influence of the instructor in the class room is like that mysterious force which passes over a wire to a motor, making of it, instead of a lifess thing the very symbol of power.

In our daily work you have shown that you had a real interest in us and in our success, that you were truly leaders that when we needed help you were ever ready to give it. Be assured that we leave Middlebury with a steadily growing appreciation of our great indebtedness to you.

Classmates :

From Freshmen to Seniors we have passed in four short years. This is our Commencement and commencement it is in the truest sense of the word. We have not yet grasped what the occasion really means, yet somehow more or less dimly we feel that it marks the beginning of a new epoch.

There are certain somber facts of life that we must recognize. As we go out into the world we shall grow apart; in our new activities we shall make new friends and new associations. As truly as we are together today for the last time, tomorrow speeding away to our different destinations, just so truly shall we find that our four years of association in Middlebury is our only common bond.

We cannot and do not expect to meet no difficulties, but we will meet them in the spirit our President has taught: "to wage our fight and make every situation yield to us our toll."

I can wish for you, my classmates, nothing happier or higher than that in every success or failure, in every joy or sorrow, you may ever have the sense of duty done. May we always keep before us ideals like those which for one hundred and sixteen years have kept Middlebury College the power for good which she has been.

With the hopes of the finest success for you in all your undertakings and in memory of all the pleasant associations of our Middlebury fellowship, I bid you farewell.

Degrees Conferred at the 116 th Commencement.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: Rev. Thomas G. Thompson, Schenectady, N. Y., District Superintendent of the Methodist church, Doctor of Divinity; Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, Congregational church, Rutland, Doctor of Divinity; Albert D. Mead, '90, Professor of Biology in Brown University, Doctor of Science; Howard Elliott, President of the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad, Doctor of Laws; John G. Saxe, of New York, grandson of the poet Saxe, Doctor of Laws.

Commencement Honors.

After the class day exercises President Thomas announced the following Commencement Honors:

Degrees to be conferred cum laude, Messrs. Hoyt, Parker and Ross, Misses V. Arnold. Drake, Lee, Myers, Noyes. Shattuck and Willmarth.

Degrees to be conferred magna cum laude, Misses Barnes, Hall and Harris.

Valedictory addresses, Mr. Parker.

Salutatory addresses, Miss Barnes.

Honors in French, Misses Grant and Halpin.

Honors in German, Mr. Snyder.

Honors in Latin, Miss Jones.

Honors in Philosophy, Mr. Wright.

High Honors in History, Miss Harris.

High Honors in Latin, Miss Drake.

The following were elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Messrs. Parker and Ross, and Misses V. Arnold, Barnes, Hall, Lee, Noyes, Shattuck and Willmarth.

The following prize was announced: Best laboratory note book in Zoology, Mr. Parker, '16.

Deacon Boardman Peace Prize, Mr. Boehm, '17.

Prizes in Pedagogy—First, Mr. Hyde, '18; second, Miss Lyman, '17.

Horace note-book prize—First, Miss Dean, '18; second, Miss Hesselgrave '18; third, Miss Norton, '18; honorable mention, Miss Bryant, '18. There were 17 competitors for the Horace note-book prize.

DEDICATION OF MEAD CHAPEL.

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Mountains and the Adirondacks.

Freely we should voluntarily exclaim, 'The Strength of the Hills is His also.''

May the solid masonry of which it is built speak to us of the firm foundation of our religious faith.

Its shining dome should remind us of the streets of the New Jerusalem, the chimes and the organ remind us of the Heavenly Hosts with their hymns of praise and devotion around that throne whose builder and maker is God.

Let these thoughts linger, reminding us that not simply for the present but for eternity we have this day dedicated

HON. JOHN A. MEAD.

this Temple to the glory of our God and as a blessing to all eternity.

On this occasion and in behalf of your committee, I wish to express our high appreciation of the skill and untiring efforts of Messrs. Allen & Collens, your architects, in designing a structure so thoroughly in keeping with the style of architecture of the buildings upon your campus, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of your committee, and to Mr. Rogers, I wish to convey the thanks of your committee for his continued and untiring efforts to follow in every detail the designs submitted, often assisting with valuable suggestions, the result of a lifelong experience; and to your committee in behalf of our Board of Trustees, as we are so soon to complete our task and to transfer the results of our endeavors to the proper college officials, I wish to state that no gentlemen could have been more earnest or more faithful in their efforts to accomplished the very best results with the means at their command, than have President Thomas, Doctor Brainerd and Judge Weeks, and I personally wish to assure them of my sincere appreciation for their patience and great kindness during certain periods of unreasonable anxiety on my part to make this Memorial Chapel in every way worthy of the noble and inspiring purpose which prompted its erection. With our labor of love and devotion all complete, it is with great pleasure and honor that I, through him who assisted me some two years since "in removing the soil" for the "setting of the corner stone," and who placed under the same his token of love—his Bible and a short history of his relation to those who made this Temple possible; as I stated, it is with pleasure that through him I may present to you, Doctor Brainerd, representing the trustees of this College, the keys to the Mead Memorial Chapel, and may the Kind Providence who governs all our efforts for the greatest good and happiness of his children, give you strength and wisdom, that your and our fondest and most extravagant anticipations of this day may be more than realized."

In accepting the keys in behalf of the Trustees of Middlebury College, Dr. Brainerd said:

"I esteem it a great privilege to appear in behalf of the President and Fellows of Middlebury College, and accept publicly at the hand of your grandson, these keys representing your gift of this beautiful sanctuary, that we have this day met to dedicate to the worship of Almighty God. For many years, especially since the old chapel proved too small to hold even the half of our students, it has been the fond hope and the earnest prayer of the friends of the College, that in God's providence there might appear a man of the religious fervor and the financial ability requisite to meet this urgent need for a larger and more suitable edifice. To-day our ardent hopes are realized; our prayers are graciously answered. And to me it is especially gratifying that our benefactor is my beloved classmate, one to whom I am bound, now for fifty-six years, by ties of the warmest friendship.

During these many years (which have passed with us so swiftly) the Heavenly Father has been pleased to grant you strength of mind and body, and varied opportunities for doing geat service to your fellowmen. How well I recall the patriotic zeal with which, while yet a student in college, you enlisted in the fight to prevent the dismemberment of these United States. Later, as a well-trained physician, you served in another war—against the diseases that distress mankind; and by sound judgement and kindly sympathy achieved an enviable reputation in this beneficent profession. Still later your executive talent enabled you to build up a great industry, whose products are now used in every civilized portion of the world. More recently you served the Commonwealth of Vermont, in her highest public office, with business sagacity, with fidelity, and with honor. But the noblest deed of all—the one for which future generations will hold you in most grateful remembrance—is the erection of this spacious and attractive Chapel, where the religious life of College may find fitting expression and the stimulus of hallowed associations.

With grateful hearts, dear brother, we accept your generous gift; and we assure you of our earnest purpose so to utilize its opportunities for religious culture, as to promote the growth of earnest Christian character in the students of Middlebury College—Here for generations yet to come the melodious bells of this Chapel shall sound out over the Campus and the Town the strains of Christian music, that from childhood have awakened in our souls the sentiments of faith and courage and earnest living. Through the coming years at morning prayer here shall

> "the pealing organ blow
> To the full voic'd choir below,
> In service high, and anthems clear."

Here from Sabbath to Sabbath shall be proclaimed the blessed truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, opening the eyes of the earnest student to behold the glorious things of the Kingdom of God—awakening the spirit of reverence, of self-sacrifice, of brotherly love—inciting to noble endeavor in the service of God and of man.

The Lord reward you, dear friend, for all that you have done, or may yet do, for the good of others; and may the years of earthly life that still reamin be your best years, filled with blessed memories and abiding peace."

The seating capacity of the new chapel which will accommodate the student body for some time to come, was taxed to its limit by the friends, students, and alumni of Middlebury, who attended the dedication exercises. The words over the marble columns in the front of the Mead Memorial Chapel: "The Strength of the Hills is His also," are expressive indeed of the desire of the donor for a dignified and substantial structure, and denoting the simplicity and strength of character of the people of Vermont.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

In a letter dated May 11, 1914, Ex-Governor John Abner Mead announced his desire to erect a chapel 'for the college in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation.' He said: "I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college and expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished."

The gift was gratefully accepted by the Trustees, and Governor Mead, Ex-President Brainard, Hon. John E. Weeks and President Thomas were nominated as a building committee. Allen and Collins, Boston, were selected as architects.

At the Commencement of 1914 the ceremony of breaking ground took place, Governor Mead being assisted by his grandson, John Abner Mead Hinsman. An address was made by Rev. James W. Barton, D. D., '81, and prayer was offered by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, pastor of the First Congregational church, Rutland. A contract with Mr. Thomas W. Rogers, Brandon, for the erection of the chapel was signed January 13, 1915. The plans for heating and ventilation were furnished by Richard D. Kimball Co., Boston.

The Chapel is 122 feet 9 inches long and 63 feet wide. The top of the spire is 140 feet from the ground. The seating capacity is 674. The marble for the exterior is from the Pittsford quarries of the Vermont Marble Co. The pulpit, reading desk, and interior finish, all of birch, are from the factory of the Derryfield Co., Manchester, N. H. The pews were made by E. H. Stafford & Co., Chicago: The lighting fixtures were designed and manufactured by Biglow, Kennard and Co., Boston, and the electrical work was done by W. C. Duncan, of Middlebury. The heating and plumbing contract was granted to Allan Calhoun & Son, of Middlebury. The foreman of the construction was Mr. Clayton E. Crane. The organ was built and enstalled by the Estey Organ Co., Brattleboro, The chime of eleven bells, the gift of Governor Mead and Mrs. Mary Sherman Mead, is from the foundry of Meneely & Co., Watervliet, N. Y. The totel cost of the chapel and equipment is about $75,000.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT DINNER.

Middlebury College Celebrates the Centennial of Birth of John G. Saxe, '39.

At the biggest Commencement dinner that Middlebury College has ever given, the centennial of the birth of John Godfrey Saxe, a graduate of the class of 1839, was celebrated with gala festivities. The McCullough Gymnasium, where the dinner was served, was filled with the alumni, students and friends of the college. About three hundred plates were taken at the dinner.

The addresses of the afternoon were given by Hon. John G. Saxe, LL.D., the grandson of the poet, Mr. Howard

DR. HOWARD ELLIOTT.

Elliott, LL.D., President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, and Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, D. D. Dr. Thomas read a communication from Hon. A. Barton Hepburn, which was received with great enthusiasm.

GRAPE FRUIT
BAKED HALIBUT—EGG SAUCE
POTATO CHIPS
CUCUMBERS OLIVES
ROAST TURKEY—CRANBERRY SAUCE
MASHED POTATO GREEN PEAS
BOILED HAM
ROLLS
CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICHES
JELLY
ICE CREAM—ASSORTED CAKE
COFFEE

Step Singing.

Sunday evening, just at twilight, the Seniors clad in caps and gowns, sang farewell songs to the Juniors. Several original as well as college songs were sung, among which the following were very well received. As the Seniors descended the steps they sang:

"College days are over;
Sadly now we part;
Life lies all before us.
But within each heart
Hope and sadness mingle
As we sing tonight
Our last Song, Oh, Juniors.
'17 Goodnight! Dear '17, Goodnight!"

The Juniors then ascended the steps singing:

"We now the steps ascending
One by one
Pride mingled with our sorrow,
For our Senior year has come.
We'll follow thy guiding footsteps,
Our purpose the same as thine,
To uphold our Middlebury
To the end of time."

CELEBRATION OF SAXE CENTENNIAL

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dlebury honored him with three degrees: Its B. A., in 1839; Its M. A., in 1843; Its L.L. D., in 1866. Just as Saxe's Alma Mater is honoring him on his one hundredth birth day, so also Saxe was the poet upon his Alma Mater's fiftieth birthday.

You will recall that, shortly prior to 1850, the University of Vermont had made an offer of marriage to Middlebury and that after the usual flirtation, our Alma Mater, had declined. It Middlebury's Semi-Centennial in 1850, Saxe read his "Song of Rejoicing," "Carmen Laetum," in which he told the tale, as follows: The lady to whom he refers is of course—Alma Mater.

"Indeed, I must tell you a bit of a tale,
To show you she's feeling remarkably hale;
How she turned up her nose, but a short time ago,
At a rather good-looking importunate beau,
And how she refused, with a princesslike carriage
'A very respectable offer of marriage.'

You see, my dear Brothers, a neighboring College
Who values himself on the depth of his knowledge,
With a prayer for her love, and an eye to her land,
Walked up to the lady and offered his hand.
For a minute or so she was all in a flutter,
And had not a word she could audibly utter;
For she felt in her bosom, beyond all concealing,
A kind of a-sort of a-widow-like feeling!"

The poet tells about the courtship, and then:

"Thus the matter went on, till the lady found out,
One fine day, what the rouge was about,—
That all that he wanted was merely that power
By marital license to pocket her dower."

At this point, the poet gives us Alma Mater's soliloquy:

"I haven't a chick but would redden with shame
At the very idea of losing my name;
And would feel that no sorrow so heavy could come
To his mother as losing her excellent home.
'Tis true I am weak, but my children are strong,
And won't see me suffer privation or wrong;
So, away with the dream of connubial joys,
I'll stick to the homestead, and look to the boys!"

The poet concludes:

"One little word more, and my duty is done;—
A health to our Mother, from each mother's son!
Unfading in beauty, increasing in strength,
May she flourish in health through the century's length;
And, next, when her children come round her to boast,
May Esto Perpetua then be the toast!"

At the time Saxe delivered his "Carmen Laetum" Middlebury boasted of two buildings; Painter Hall erected in 1815 and the Chapel built in 1836. Today it has thirteen buildings, ten of which are on the campus. It has refused other offers. It has lived a second half-century. It has progressed sixteen years on its third half-century. In wishing our Alma Mater health, wealth, and prosperity, I sincerely repeat:

"May Esto Perpetua ever be our toast."

Saxe, as a lawyer and an editor, took considerable interest in the public affairs of Vermont. Indeed he almost became governor of the State. He was the Democratic candidate in 1859 and 1860; and he undoubtedly would have been elected, if he had been the Republican candidate, or if he could have invoked a system of cumulative voting and arranged to have all the votes cast for him cast in a single year. As it was, he had no chance. But out of his campaign there has arisen quite a number of amusing incidents—one of which he tells himslf:

"When John was contending (though sure to be beat)
In the annual race for the Governor's seat,
A crusty old fellow remarked to his face,
He was clearly too young for so lofty a place,
'Perhaps so,' said John; 'but consider a minute;
The objection will cease by the time I am in it!'"

Saxe was a Democrat. In addressing the Tammany Society on July 4, 1870, he paid his compliments to the Republican party in this wise:

"A party which bases, with singular ease,
Immoral proceedings on 'Moral idees;'
Denounces small rogues who are caught in the act,
But favors the big ones, or holds them intact.

While their arms, at the moment, grow bolder and bolder,
Are plunged in the treasury up to the shoulder.
Success to old Tammany, long may she stand
The bulwark of freedom—the pride of the land!"

Saxe's democracy, however, read through his writings and his poetry, is a democracy to be contrasted not with Republican principles, but with aristocracy. His was the democracy of friendship and humor, which delights to send shafts of good nature and wit at pretension and snobbery. You read this in his satires "Progress" and "The Money King." You will find a delightful example in "The Proud Miss McBride:"

"Of all the notable things on earth,
The queerest one is pride of birth,
Among our 'fierce Democracee!'
A bridge across a hundred years,
Without a prop to save it from sneers,—
Not even a couple of rotten Peers,—
A thing for laughter, fleers and jeers,
Is American aristocracy!

"English and Irish, French and Spanish,
German, Italian, Dutch and Danish,
Crossing their veins until they vanish
In one conglomeration!
So subtle a tangle of Blood, indeed,
No modern Harvey will ever succeed
In finding the circulation!

"Depend upon it, my snobbish friend,
Your family thread you can't ascend
Without good reason to apprehend
You may find it waxed at the farther end
By some plebian vocation;
Or, worse than that, your boasted line
May end in a loop of stronger twine,
That plagued some worthy relation!"

One word more about Saxe's democracy. He was a *Vermont* Democrat, and I like to feel that I, perhaps, have followed in his footsteps. It is difficult, however, to make comparison between his day and this; not because of the intervening half century, but because, then, there were vital partisan issues. Today there are none. Review the debates of the last four years. Read the platforms of the last few weeks. Among the nominal differences between the Democratic and the Republican party there is not one which is vital. Politics are in a fluid state. The Tariff is the Gulf Stream of politics. It now flows through both parties, and each is trying to catch the other in bathing and steal his clothes. The Tariff issue is dead. Both parties demand a tariff commission, which will soon be realized. The Currency issue is dead. The Currency bill enacted by the present administration fulfilled the promises of both parties. There is no partisan issue in Preparedness. Both parties fully recognize that the American people, in the language of T. R., "must make the nation as strong as its convictions." There is no partisan issue in Mexico, which my friend, Mr. Patrick Francis Murphy, has aptly described as "that country where peace occasionally breaks out." There is no partisan question in foreign relations. The dispute between Democrats and Republicans is no more acute than the dispute between Republicans and Republicans and between Democrats and Democrats. The great alternative before the country is: Do we want honor, regardless of whether we have peace? or: Do we want peace, regardless of whether we have honor? On this vital issue, neither party has declared itself. Each party falls back on the disingenious boast that it is made of such superior metal to its rival that it will guarantee *both* honor and peace! Each citizen must therefore determine the issue for himself, and then select the candidate most likely to carry out his policy. In other words, the dominant issue is non-partisan, and demands an alignment wholly apart from the hereditary party alignment. In this connection, it is a pleasure for me to find among my grandfather's writings that note of sterness in his Vermont Democracy, which would not permit him to be "Too proud to fight."

"It was a noble Roman,
In Rome's imperial day,
Who heard a coward croaker,
Before the Castle, say:
'They're safe in such a fortress:
There is no way to shake it!'
'On, on,' exclaimed the hero,
'I'll find a way, or make it!

Is fame your aspiration?
Her path is steep and high;
In vain he seeks her temple,
Content to gaze and sigh;
The shining throne is waiting,
But he alone can take it
Who says, with Roman firmness,
'I'll find a way, or make it!'

Do we prize our nation's honor?
Or do foreign sales suffice?
Two years of watchful waiting
Spell peace at any price!
There is one road to honor,
And now's the time to make it,
If we have still
The Roman will,
To find a way, or make it!

This last verse, I hasten to state, is not humorous, but posthumous.

Saxe thus had his claim to fame as a public citizen of Vermont. He is best known, however, as a poet, and I could not attempt to do justice to him without quoting from one or two of his poems: In my opinion, Saxe's foremost poems are "Progress," "The Money King," "The Proud Miss McBride," and "The Rhyme of the Rail." In many respects the last is the best. It was first published in the Knickerbocker Magazine in 1843, when Saxe was only twenty-seven years of age. It was reprinted through the United States and in England. It ran thus:

Singing through the forests,
Rattling over ridges,
Shooting over arches,
Rumbling over ridges,
Whizzing through the mountains,
Buzzing o'er the vale,—
Bless me! this is pleasant,
Riding on the rail!

Men of different 'stations'
In the eye of fame,
Here are very quickly
Coming to the same.
High and lowly people,
Birds of every feather,
On a common level
Traveling together!

Stranger on the right,
Looking very sunny,
Obviously reading
Something rather funny.
Now the smiles are thicker,
Wonder what they mean?
Faith he's got the Knicker-
Bocker Magazine.

Ancient maiden lady
Anxiously remarks,
That there must be peril
'Mong so many sparks!
Roguish-looking fellow,
Turning to the stranger,
Says it's his opinion
She is out of danger!

Singing through the forests,
Rattling over ridges,
Shooting under arches,
Rumbling over bridges,
Whizzing through the mountains,
Buzzing o'er the vale,—
Bless me! this is pleasant,
Riding on the rail!

Saxe also wrote quite a number of travesties upon the classics, such as "Icarus" and "Pyramus and Thisbe," not to mention a modern edition of "Othello, the Moor." In writing these travesties, he invariably pointed a moral. You all remember the story of Icarus, son of Daedalus, a carpenter of Athens.

"Now Daedalus, the Carpenter, had made a pair of wings,
Contrived of wood and feathers and a cunning set of springs,
By means of which the wearer could ascend to any height,
And sail about among the clouds as easy as a kite."

Icarus stole the wings, fastened them on with wax, attempted to fly; the sun melted the wax and Icarus fell and was killed. The poet ended this tragic tale as follows:

"The moral of this mournful tale is plain enough to all;
Don't get above your proper sphere, or you may chance to fall;
Remember, too, that borrowed plumes are most uncertain things;
And never try to scale the sky with other people's wings!"

Among other inspiring morals, there is also that appended to the story of the fisherman, who having imbibed too freely, fell off his log and went:

"Down, down to feed the fish
He's baited oft before."

The moral of *this* mournful tale
To all is plain and clear,
That drinking habits bring a man
Too often to his bier.

And he who scorns to 'take the pledge,'
And keep the promise fast,
May be, in spite of fate, a stiff
Cold water man at last!"

After Saxe left Vermont and took up his home in Albany, New York, he

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became a nation-wide figure, lecturing in all parts of the country and being well-known and welcomed everywhere. His summers he spent at Saratoga Springs, and many are the anecdotes told of him at Saratoga. One of his poems, not perhaps one of his best, but one of his most joyous, is the "Song of Saratoga." It was written in response to the question, "What do they do at the Springs?"

"Imprimis, my darling, they drink
The waters so sparkling and clear;
Though the flavor is none of the best,
And the odor exceedingly queer;
But the fluid is mingled, you know,
With wholesome medicinal things,
So they drink, and they drink, and they drink,—
And that's what they do at the Springs!

Now they stroll in the beautiful walks,
Or loll in the shade of the trees;
Where many a whisper is heard
That never is told by the breeze;
And hands are commingled with hands,
Regardless of conjugal rings;
And they flirt, and they flirt, and they flirt,—
And that's what they do at the Springs!

In short—as it goes in the world—
They eat, and they drink, and they sleep;
They talk, and they walk, and they woo;
They sigh, and they laugh, and they weep;
They read, and they ride, and they dance,
(With other unspeakable things);
They pray, and they play, and they *pay*,—
And that's what they do at the Springs!

But I am rambling on, and forgetting one of Saxe's admonitions, taken from Quintilian, that a proper speech is composed of a preamble, an argument, and an end.

"Three parts compose a proper speech
So wise Quintilian's maxims teach)
But Loquax never can get through
In his orations, more than two.
He doesn't stick at the "Beginning";
His "Middle" comes as sure as sinning;
Indeed, the whole, one might commend,
Could he contrive to make an "End"!

Brothers of Middlebury, you have paid my grandfather a noble tribute. You have gladdened all the members of his family. On his behalf and on theirs —I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

"One little word more, and my duty is done;—
A health to our Mother, from each mother's son!
Unfading in beauty, increasing in strength,
May she flourish in health through the century s length;
And, next, when her children come 'round her to boast,
May Esto Perpetua *still* be the toast!"

Senior Bonfire.

Immediately after the organ recital in the Meade Memorial Chapel Saturday night the Senior girls gathered on the north side of Pearsons around a bonfire. It was a general holocaust as each girl consigned to the flames what ever she had hated most during her college career. The collection was various, notes and books on every conceivable subject. The girls sang song until the fire died away. Afterwards they enjoyed a most delicious feed in Pearsons Hall. Hearty songs were sung in praise of Miss Ross, Mrs. Mills and Bee, who furnished the spread.

The Corporation of the College met Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the directors' rooms of the Middlebury National Bank. The routine business of the semi-annual meeting was transacted.

U. V. M., 15; Midd., 1.

The blue and white warriors went down in defeat Monday afternoon before their up-State rivals, the University of Vermont, by a score of 15 to 1. The first six innings of the game were filled with fast ball playing on the part of both teams. Midd. scored its only run in the first and Vermont did not tie the score until the fifth, when they pushed across a run. In the seventh Midd. went all to pieces and presented them with 5 runs, 4 more in the eighth, and 5 in the ninth.

The score:

MIDDLEBURY.

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Bower, 2b	3	0	1	2	6	2
Lamere, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Mott, c	4	0	0	6	4	0
Bresnahan, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	1
Robinson, lf and p	4	0	1	1	0	2
Dewhirst, ss	4	0	0	5	1	1
Bartlett, cf	4	0	0	1	1	1
Christian, 1b	3	0	0	11	0	0
Garrison, p	2	0	1	0	2	1
Crippen, p	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	33	1	5	27	15	9

VERMONT.

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Bell, ss	6	2	3	0	1	0
Butier, 2b	5	2	1	1	3	0
Pike, 1b	6	1	1	19	0	0
Berry, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
McCormick, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spear, rf	5	1	0	0	0	0
Sunderland, c	2	3	1	7	5	0
Hackett, cf	5	3	0	0	0	0
Money, 3b	5	1	1	0	2	1
Palmer, p	5	3	3	0	2	0
Totals	44	15	10	27	13	1

Bureau of Appointments.

Dr. Collins announces that the Pedagogy Department will establish a Bureau of Appointments for students of Middlebury College, who intend to teach after graduation, and also for graduate teachers. There has been an ever-increasing demand from outside institutions of learning for Middlebury teachers, and the Department has found it necessary, in order to adequately meet this demand, to establish this bureau on a permanent basis, calculated to be of inestimable benefit to the graduates of the college. We anticipate that the proposed establishment will save many students the inconvenience and expense of working through the teachers' agencies which have to work for all institutions alike. A Middlebury bureau will devote its energies for the interests of its own students and for those who seek her aid.

Dr. Collins especially asks that all graduates who are at all interested in teaching, or would consider it as a possible vocation, keep in personal touch with the Bureau, and thereby facilitate its work in filling vacancies. This will give everyone a greatly increased opportunity to secure good positions and those which will be especially adapted to his or her own particular needs and qualifications.

As Dr. Collins will be away on leave of absence during the coming school year, the Bureau will be in charge of Professor McFarland. All alumni who are teaching, or intend to teach, should make it a point to get in touch with the Bureau as soon as possible. It is hoped that the newly graduated class will be enabled to secure a number of positions by means of this Bureau, but it will be necessary to get in touch with it at once.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

Prize Speaking Contest.

Tbe annual prize speaking contest for the Parker and Merrill prizes were held in the Congregational church Monday evening, June 19, before a large audience. The freshmen contestants for the Parker prizes were Paul E. Pitkin, William W. Bullis, and Cecil Plumb. The contest was extremely close and interesting, Mr. Pitkin being awarded the first prize of $20 and Mr. Bullis the second prize of $10.

The sophmore speakers for the Merrill prizes were Walter E. Anderson, Henry H. Chapman, Harold E. Drew, Walbridge B. Fullington, Charles J. Lyon, and Donald Ober. In this contest also the honors appeared to be well divided. Mr. Fullington was awarded the first prize of $25, Mr. Drew second, $20, Mr. Lyon third, $15, and Mr. Chapman fourth, $10.

The Parker prizes were established by a gift of Daniel Parker in 1807 and Professor Frederick Hall in 1820. The Merrill prizes were established in 1882, by bequest of Rev. Thomas Abbot Merrill, D. D., Trustee, 1806-'55.

Athletic Elections.

Coach Holmes intends to try out a system, adopted in larger Colleges and Universities, regarding elections for all managers and assistant managers of athletic teams. The new system will be put into effect the first semester of our next college year. The general plan is as follows:

Besides considering the amount of work done by the individual men who are out for positions, there will be held at the end of each session of Football, Baseball and Track, competitive examinations, for each department. These examinations are to be made up of essential rule, facts and any essential thing which the coach of the dapartment may see fit to include. These examinations are to count for 25 per cent; work, 50 per cent; personality, scholarship, character, etc., 25 per cent.

The Ben Greet Woodland players gave a very creditable production of two Shakesperian plays last Tuesday. "As You Like It" in the afternoon and "The Taming of the Shrew" in the evening. This is the second year that we have b en favored with their presence at commencement time. It will be remembered that last year they gave "Twelfth Night" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

A good audience attended both performances and as it was lowery the performances were given in the college gymnasium. Everyone, who went, was more than pleased with the production and it is to be hoped that these players can be procured for a production next Commencement as they certainly add much to the entertainment offered to our Alumni and friends during this time.

College Band Entertains at Commencement.

The college band has been one of the great features in making this Commencement a success as they have added much to the entertainment afforded at this time and give the college an important appearance in their natty blue coats and creamers. The organization has performed its duties during the year very creditably and has done much to inspire the new Middlebury spirit in the student body especially at some of our athletic contests with other colleges.

Much of the credit for the fine performance of the band is due to their leader, Mr. Vittum, who, by his unfailing efforts, has brought the band up to its present high standard. It is expected that Mr. Vittum will return next year to lead the band and all indications point to a very successful season, even more successful probably than has been the past season.

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D. K. E. Wins Championship.

The tie for the leadership in the Interfraternity Baseball League which has kept interest at fever heat all the season has at last been broken. In an exciting game June 10 on Porter Field the D. K. E. team took the measure of the near-champs, representing Alpha Sigma Phi and consequently the cup will be in competition for another two years at least, the condition for permanent possession being that it shall be won two years in succession. Neither team had met defeat this season. The D. K. E. team has now played its full schedule without losing a game, making them the undisputed champions. Alpha Sigma Phi and Chi Psi are now tied for second place, both having won four and lost one. These two teams met early in the season for an inning and a half and a close game was being played when rain interfered. As it stands now Alpha Sigma Phi won the championship last year and Delta Kappa Epsilon this year, a state of affairs that will promote even more interest in next year's league. The games have been a constant source of interest this spring and it is to be hoped that next year will witness the league again in operation. All thanks to Coach Murch for promoting the league which has afforded us all so much pleasure!

The standing of the various teams which will probably be final, although several games are unplayed, is as follows:—

	WON	LOST	%
D. K. E. - -	6	0	1000
Alpha Sigma Phi - -	4	1	800
Chi Psi - -	4	1	800
K. D. R. - -	2	4	333
Delta Sigma -	1	4	200
Neutral - -	1	5	167
Delta Upsilon -	0	4	000

One of the most interesting of the many class reunions held at the 116th Commencement of Middlebury College was that of the class of '76, ten of whose seventeen members were back for their fortieth reunion. Those present were Dr. Abernethey of Middlebury, Mr, Boyce of Middlebury, Baxter, Dana, Eastman of Bristol, Gray, Prynne, Remlee, Cray, from Minneapolis, Minn., and Brown, who made the trip from his home in Utah to be with his class; Dodge, Lindsley and James were unable to be present. The remaining four are deceased.

The various members had many reminiscences of the old days when shower baths and steam heat, as well as other luxuries of 1916 were unknown in the dormitories, and each student whipped his own wood for heating his room.

Midd. vs. St. Michaels.

In a one sided game of ball on Porter Field, Saturday, June 17, St. Michaels lost to Middlebury College, by a score of 16 to 0. Crippen's effective pitching held the visitors scoreless, but the game fight put up by them added materially to the interest of the playing. For Middlebury Capt. Robinson scored a home run while Crippen and Bresnahan made a 2 bagger and 3 bagger respectively. Christian played a good game at first. The water soaked condition of the field caused by heavy showers earlier in the day prevented fast ball playing and the game was called off at the end of the seventh inning.

Pi Beta Phi Reunion.

A reunion of Pi Beta Phi fraternity was held Monday evening after the Parker Merrill prize speaking contest. The rooms were prettily decorated with flowers and greens and an informal program was arranged, followed by refreshments. A great many alumnae were back, renewing old friendships and meeting the active chapter. The reunion lasted until late in the evening.

Alpha Chi Reunion.

The annual reunion of Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi was held immediately after the U. V. M. game at the Alpha Chi house on South street. The house was very prettily decorated with flowers for the occasion. An informal program was carried out, which was much enjoyed by all present, and light refreshments were served. About 65 alumnae came in during the afternoon.